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SUBJECT: NPT RATIFICATION: EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

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1. SECRETARY ROGERS' STATEMENT APRIL 6 WAS MOST WELCOME AS
TIMELY AND FORECEFUL REAFFIRMATION OF US EXPECTATION THAT
SIGNING OF IAEA- EURATOM SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WOULD BE FOLLOWED
BY PROMPT INITIATION OF INDIVIDUAL PROCESSES OF RATIFICATION
OF NPT BY THE FIVE SIGNATORIES NOT YET PARTY TO THE TREATY
(BELGIUM, FRG, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, AND NETHERLANDS). THIS MISSION
HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN QUERIED BY JAPANESE, SOVIETS, IAEA OFFICIALS,
AND OTHERS AS TO HOW LONG WE ANTICIPATED THESE PROCESSES
WOULD TAKE, A PARTICULAR CONCERN BEING EXPRESSED ABOUT REPORTS
THAT ITALY MIGHT BE SLOWEST OF FIVE, TAKING UP TO TWO YEARS
FROM TIME TREATY SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT.

2. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND ITALIAN REACTION TO DUTCH STATE-
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MENTIN CCD (REFTEL) IS DISTURBING. IF ITALIANS NOT PREPARED TO ADMIT THAT SIGNATURE OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT " OPENS WAY" FOR SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS, WHAT FURTHER ACTIONS DO THEY SEE AS NECESSARY AND WHAT TIME FRAME DO THEY ENVISION?

3. IN FACT, QUITE APART FROM REFTEL, WE BELIEVE THAT TIME IS APPROPRIATE FOR DEPARTMENT TO ASK FIVE GOVERNMENTS, IN LOW KEY BUT NOT AT LOW LEVEL, WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE WITH RESPECT TO NPT AND TO IAEA- EURATOM AGREEMENT. DO BOTH DOCUMENTS REQUIRE PARLIAMENTARY ACTION IN ALL FIVE? WILL THEY BE SUBMITTED SIMULTANEOUSLY? WHEN? HOW LONG DO GOVERNMENTS ANTICIPATE THAT RATIFICATION WILL TAKE? DO THEY FORESEE ANY REASONS FOR DELAY OTHER THAN NORMAL PARLIAMENTARY STUDY AND DEBATE. ANSWERS WILL BE USEFUL IN ANSWERING, HOPEFULLY IN REASSURING, SOVIETS AND OTHERS, BUT FACT OF ASKING QUESTIONS, ON HEELS OF SECRETARY'S STATEMENT, WILL ALSO BE USEFUL IN MAKING CLEAR TO THE FIVE THAT OUR INTEREST IN MATTER DID NOT END WITH SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT LAST THURSDAY. PORTER

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